SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. & S. B. REGISTRY
No. D #491
Date 17/2/33

February 17 33

Dear Mr. O'Brien,

With reference to your verbal inquiry, I have to state that Mr. Victor Kochetoff is a member of the Municipal Police.

I return herewith the letter addressed to you by your New York Office in which reference is made to him.

Yours sincerely,

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Charles F. O'Brien, Esq.,
Nippon Yusen Kaisha,
The Bund.

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REPORT

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Subject (in full) Confidential letter from the Manager of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, New York Branch, re: Mr. Victor Kochetov.

Made by D.S. Prokofiev *Forwarded by* [signature]

No. 299/11

With reference to attached letter dated January 14-th, 1933, from the Manager of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, New York Branch, on the subject of Mr. Victor Kochetov, I have to state that Victor Kochetoff, Russian, has been serving with the Shanghai Municipal Police since July 1927. In 1932 he was on long leave returning in Shanghai via the United States on October 25, by the s.s. " Asama Maru".

He is a member of the local branch of " Sokol" (a sporting organization which has branches in all slavonic countries) and represented it at the " Sokol" Olympic games which were held in Prague during the summer of 1932.

G. Prokofiev
D.S.

Officer i/c Special Branch

Victor Kochetov who has been appointed Soviet Trade Commissioner to Japan is not known in this Office. SBR 16/2.

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N. Y. K. Line
(Japan Mail Steamship Co.)

New York

January 4th, 1932.

CONFIDENTIAL

The Manager,
Nippon Yusen Kaisha,
Shanghai.

Dear Sir:-

MR. VICTOR KOCHETOV, SECOND CLASS PASSENGER, SAN FRANCISCO TO SHANGHAI, IN "M.V. ASAMA MARU", OCTOBER 6TH, 1932 - (17-H.)

This gentlemen, who was enroute to your City, represented himself as a member of the Shanghai Municipal Police Department, and claimed to have represented the White Russian community of Shanghai at a Sokol (athletic contest), held at Prague late in the summer. While in New York City, he fraternized with certain leaders among the White Russians resident here, and various confidences appeared to have been exchanged.

It then surprised these same Russians resident in New York, when they read in the press recently that a man by the same name, Victor Kochetov, had been appointed Soviet Trade Commissioner to Japan. Hence, some of these people have asked us to ascertain, with your assistance, if the two personalities are identical.

Thanking you for securing the information desired, if at all possible, we are,

Very truly yours,

Nippon Yusen Kaisha, New York Branch

.....Manager

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